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Shipping & Distribution Limited

6th Feb, 2004

Hon. Bryant VanBrakle, Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20573



RE: P6-03 (Petition of Sinotrans Container Lines Co., Ltd. for a Full Exemption from the First Sentence of Section **9(c)** of the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended)

Dear Sir:

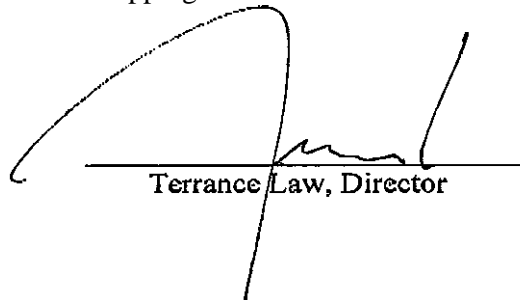
As permitted by the FMC Order served January 22, 2004, we comment on the request of Sinotrans Container Lines Co., Ltd. (Sinolines) to reduce its tariff rates immediately on **tiling**, as other **carriers** are now permitted to **do**.

We support this request because it will help our business, and we think it is good for **trade** generally. We ship big volume cargo **from** far east to USA. We occasionally have cargo which develops quickly **and** moves **outside of a service contract**. We are **always** interested in having several carriers compete for our business. However, it now takes thirty days **for tariff** rate decreases by Sinolines to be effective. This is too long for us to wait, so we cannot consider Sinolines for such business. **If** its Petition is granted, Sinolines will be able to compete for our business, and we will consider them in the **future**. We also **think this** increase in competition will be good for trade generally.

We thank the FMC for considering **our** comments.

Sincerely yours,

Shipping & Distribution Limited



Terrance Law, Director